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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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The Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC)

AGENCY: National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: Quarterly CIPAC membership update.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the establishment of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) by notice published in the Federal Register Notice (71 FR 14930-14933) dated March 24, 2006. That notice identified the purpose of CIPAC as well as its membership. This notice provides: (i) the quarterly CIPAC membership update; (ii) instructions on how the public can obtain the CIPAC membership roster and other information on the Council; and, (iii) information on recently completed CIPAC meetings.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Activity: The CIPAC facilitates interaction between government officials and representatives of the community of owners and/or operators for each of the critical infrastructure sectors defined by Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (HSPD-7) and identified in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP). The scope of activities covered by the CIPAC includes planning; coordinating among government and critical infrastructure owner/operator security partners; implementing security program initiatives; conducting operational activities related to critical infrastructure protection security measures, incident response, recovery, infrastructure resilience, reconstituting critical infrastructure assets and systems for both man-made as well as naturally occurring events; and sharing threat, vulnerability, risk mitigation, and infrastructure continuity information.

Organizational Structure: CIPAC members are organized into eighteen (18) critical infrastructure sectors. Within all of the sectors containing critical infrastructure owners/operators, there generally exists a Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) that includes critical infrastructure owners and/or operators or their representative trade associations. Each of the sectors also has a Government Coordinating Council (GCC) whose membership includes a lead Federal agency that is defined as the Sector Specific Agency (SSA), and all relevant Federal, state, local, tribal, and/or territorial government agencies (or their representative bodies) whose mission interests also involve the scope of the CIPAC activities for that particular sector.

CIPAC Membership: CIPAC Membership may include:

- (i) Critical infrastructure owner and/or operator members of an SCC;
- (ii) Trade association members who are members of an SCC representing the interests of critical infrastructure owners and/or operators;
- (iii) Each sector's Government Coordinating Council (GCC) members; and,
- (iv) State, local, tribal, and territorial governmental officials comprising the DHS State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial GCC.

CIPAC Membership Roster and Council Information: The current roster of CIPAC membership is published on the CIPAC website (<http://www.dhs.gov/cipac>) and is updated as the CIPAC membership changes. Members of the public may visit the CIPAC website at any time to obtain current CIPAC membership as well as the current and historic list of CIPAC meetings and agendas.

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